

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Mark Harrington on 2/12/10.

The application has been amended as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An electrical connector part designed for being coupled with a matching connector part by a front face, said connector part comprising an insulating housing provided with a plurality of sockets for receiving a contact, which have a rear contact insertion end, a sealing joint, which is provided with a plurality of cable passages corresponding to the sockets and which is placed in said housing behind the sockets, and a grid for guiding the cables, which is fixed in the housing behind the sealing joint, wherein said grid supports the joint, said grid being provided with a plurality of cable passages corresponding to the sockets, wherein the connector part comprises a blocking member of the passages of the grid, which is fixed on said grid, and is designed to be pierced selectively for inserting the contacts into a group of predetermined sockets.

wherein said blocking member is adapted for preventing the insertion of a contact into a given passage in the absence of a prior piercing of the blocking member into said given passage by a tool.

2. (Previously presented) The electrical connector part according to claim 1, further characterized in that said blocking member is a plastic film covering at least partially one face of the grid.
3. (Previously presented) The electrical connector part according to claim 2, further characterized in that the film is fastened adhesively or bonded on the grid.
4. (Previously presented) The electrical connector part according to claim 1, further characterized in that said blocking member comprises a plate that is fixed on the grid.
5. (Previously presented) The electrical connector part according to claim 1, further characterized in that said blocking member is fixed on a rear face of the grid.
6. (Previously presented) The electrical connector part according to claim 5, further characterized in that said blocking member has, on the rear face, markings for identifying the sockets.
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Currently amended) [[A]] An assembly comprising a connector part and a tool for piercing the a blocking member of [[a]] the connector part according to claim 1, comprising , wherein the connector part is designed for being coupled with a matching connector part by a front face,
said connector part comprising:

an insulating housing provided with a plurality of sockets for receiving a contact,
which have a rear contact insertion end,

a sealing joint, which is provided with a plurality of cable passages corresponding
to the sockets and which is placed in said housing behind the sockets, and
a grid for guiding the cables, which is fixed in the housing behind the sealing
joint, wherein said grid supports the joint, said grid being provided with a plurality of
cable passages corresponding to the sockets,

wherein the connector part comprises a blocking member of the passages of the
grid, which is fixed on said grid, and is designed to be pierced selectively for inserting
the contacts into a group of predetermined sockets,

said tool comprising a body and a plurality of pins, which project from said body
in a parallel manner and in a same direction and which are designed to pierce the
blocking member at points corresponding to a predetermined group of the sockets.

9. (Currently amended) The tool assembly according to claim 8, further
characterized in that the pins are tapered at free ends of the pins.

10. (Currently amended) The tool assembly according to claim 8, further
characterized in that the body is designed to be engaged at least partially in a form-
fitting manner from the rear in an interior of the housing.

11. (Previously presented) A method of wiring an electrical connector part
according to claim 1, in which the following steps are carried out in succession:
piercing the blocking member by means of a tool in accordance with claim 8, and

introducing into each socket, the access of which has been freed by the piercing operation, a wired contact designed for this purpose.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hien D. Vu whose telephone number is 571-272-2016. The examiner can normally be reached on 9-5.

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